Inspection of FCI godowns in Phulwari-Sharif and Dighain Bihar

521. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be plesed to state:

(a) whether he recently inspected some FCI godowns in Phulwari-Sharif and Digha in Bihar;

(b) whether some old stock of foodgrains and sugar were detected during the above inspection which were unfit for consumption;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired into so as to identify the officials responsible for the loss of precious foodgrains and resultant loss to exchequer;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the quilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A quantity of 349 MT of rice having refractions beyond the standards of PFA was found available in these godowns. 702 MT of sweated sugar was found available which is not meant for direct issue through PDS/TPDS but to be issued through some other channels for human consumption.

(c) The matter is being investigated by a Team headed by Joint Secretary, Food.

(d) Investigation report is awaited.

(e) Necessary action will be taken against the defaulters found, if any, on completion of investigation.

अल्कोहल पर आधारित शराब बनाने के लिए विदेशी पूंजी निवेश

522. **श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को देश में 1991 में उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा के बाद से अभी तक अल्कोहल पर आधारित शराब बनाने के लिए विदेशी पूंजी निवेश करने से संबंधित अनेक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं?

(ख) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1997 तक कुल कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए तथा सरकार ने कुल कितने प्रस्तावों को स्वीकृति दी है तथा इनमें कितनी विदेशी पूंजी के निवेश की योजना है;

(ग) क्या स्वीकृत प्रस्तावों में से बहुत कम प्रतिशत में प्रस्तावों को वास्तव में कार्यान्वित किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1997 तक कुल कितने प्रस्तावों को कार्यान्वित किया गया है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीपकुमार राय): (क) और (ख) 1991 में उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा के बाद मार्च, 1997 तक सरकार को पेय अल्कोहल क्षेत्र में विदेशी निवेश हेतु 25 (पच्चीस) प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए। इनमें लगभग 399 करोड़ रु० के विदेशी निवेश वाले 15 (पंद्रह) मामलों में मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है।

(ग) और (घ) मार्च, 1997 तक कार्यान्वित किए गए प्रस्तावों की संख्या 7 (सात) थी।

FIPB's approval to Pepsi Co. Inc.

523. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the directions issued by the FIPB at its meeting held on September 30, 1995 in relation to the approval granted to Pepsi Co. Inc.;

(b) the stand taken by the Ministry of Industry on the issue;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken or propose to take a final position on the issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the final position, if taken by his Ministry has been accepted by the FIPP; and

(f) if not, the current status of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (f) The proposal was deffered by FIPB at its meeting held on September 30, 1995. However, it was subsequently approved.

Setting up of FPIs in private and public sector in Bihar

524. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under Government's consideration for setting up of food processing industries in private and public sectors in Bihar; and

(b) the action being taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) One project proposal for expansion and modernisation of a fruit and vegetable processing unit at Hazipur, District: Vaishali has been received from a private sector company, for grant of financial assistance under the Plan Scheme of the Ministry for providing assistance for setting up/expansion/ modernisation of food processing units.

The proposal envisages investment of Rs. 153.18 lakhs for expansion of processing capacity from 542.50 MT to 4170 MT, as well as creation of additional facilities for packaging and upgradation of technology.

Action for scrutinising the proposal has already been initiated in this regard.

Industrial growth Centres

525. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial growth centres proposed to be set up under the new Growth Centre Scheme in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total funds allocated and released to each of these growth centres in the States; and

(c) by when these growth centres will be made functional?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 71 Growth Centres spread over the country are proposed to be developed under the new Growth Centre Scheme (list is at statement *see* below)

(b) and (c) Each of the 71 centres would be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 25-30 crores out of which the share of the Central Government is limited to Rs. 10 crores only and the balance of funds are to be provided by the respective State Governments. Till date an amount of Rs. 241.55 crores has been released as a part of Central assistance to the Growth Centres. Implementation part of these Growth Centres is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

List of growth centres
&
Central assistance released

Sl. No.	Name of the Growth Centre	Central assistance released (Rs. in lakhs)
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
1.	Hindupur (Anantapur)	200
2.	Khammam (Khammam)	50
3.	Ongole (Prakasam)	450
4.	Vizianagaram-Bobbili (vizianagaram)	440
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	
5.	Niklok Ngorlung (East Siang)	50
	ASSAM	
6.	Chariduar (Sonitpur)	50
7.	Matia (Goalpara)	50
8.	Sonapur (Kamrup)	—